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“The sea .. does not want vessels to be chained ”

by Capt. Mario Gandolfi

In the August issue of *Avvisatore Marittimo* they write that in the world there are 2,650 vessels (of large tonnage) under construction. They will be plying on international routes by the end of the current year or at the beginning of next year.

Sea trade is undergoing a process of rationalisation but it is not in a period of recession. We Italians are second to none in the present challenge even if there are problems that cannot be ignored. Being Italians, we cannot be pleased to hear that Korean and Chinese shipyards are working at full speed to build our ships, that a patrol boat over 40m long has just been built by Albanian shipyards and that three others are going to build there in the near future.

There are good job opportunities at sea. Today's vessels are built and kept according to the International Regulations. On the whole, we could say that, today, ships sail in safety and are outfitted to make life on board healthy and comfortable.

In my opinion, the only really serious problem still to be solved is piracy. The *Bollettino Marittimo* special edition on piracy of (May 2012) discusses the verdicts concerning cargo piracy stating that the time required for the release of the vessels seized by pirates is becoming longer and longer and the ransoms paid are becoming bigger and bigger. The hostages' treatment is inhuman. The *Bollettino* also discusses the problem of the contractual rules concerning armed squads onboard but it does not venture to propose any solutions. It points out that today, besides the Horn of Africa and its surrounding areas, also the coasts of Nigeria and Benin have become dangerous.

Not enough is being done when you think about the people working at sea for a living. We all wish that, with the support of the local governments, this plague - which seemed to have disappeared in the early 1800's - may soon be eradicated.

I would like to remind you that the ceremony of the awards to the best school leavers of this year will take place at Palazzo San Giorgio on 13 October.

All of you, readers, are warmly invited to this event which has become an important meeting point between school and town shipping.

SAN GIORGIO AWARDS CEREMONY

We are pleased to invite our members and their families and friends to the *San Giorgio Awards Ceremony*.

Date: Saturday 13 October 2012

Time: 10:00am

Place: Palazzo San Giorgio - 2 via della Mercanzia - Sala del Capitano

The San Giorgio Awards Ceremony is organised by *Collegio dei Capitani L.C. e D.M.*, with the co-operation of *Associazione ex-Allievi e Docenti I.T.N. "San Giorgio" di Genova*, and the support of *Confederazione Italiana Armatori* and *Ente Registro Navale Italiano*, under the sponsorship of *Autorità Portuale di Genova* and *Provincia di Genova* and with the participation of the following bodies:

- *Associazione Nazionale Marinai d'Italia*
- *Unione Nazionale Medaglie d'Oro di Lunga Navigazione*
- *Accademia Italiana della Marina Mercantile*
- *Associazione Italiana Addetti alla Sicurezza.*

During the ceremony, the three best school leavers of *Istituto Nautico San Giorgio* (school year 2011/2012) will receive the plaques "*Attilio Traversa*" and "*Guglielmo Levi*" while the Association *Ex-Allievi e Docenti Istituto Nautico San Giorgio* will give them a scroll as a reminder of the years they spent in the school

Plaques and certificates of acknowledgment will be given to individuals and organisations for their outstanding activity in the maritime field.

Five students of the first three years of *Nautico San Giorgio*, who distinguished themselves in their studies in the 2011-2012 school year, will receive from our Association:

- the "*Pietro Giumarra scholarship*" (awarded to the best student of the first year and to the best student of the second year)
- the "*Giuseppe Caso scholarship*" (awarded to the three best students of the third year , one per course of studies (*Capitani, Macchinisti and Costruttori*)).

We wish to thank the following bodies and organizations for contributing to said scholarships:

- *The Caso Family*
- *Mrs Michelina Manco Giumarra*
- *Banca Carige - Genova*
- *Collegio Nazionale Capitani L.C. e D.M.*
- *Corporazione dei Piloti del Porto di Genova*
- *Fondo di solidarietà fra Dipendenti Enti Pubblici*

Consilium Marine Italia S.r.l. will give two scholarships to two of the best cadets of the Deck and Engine Depts. attending their final year at *Accademia della Marina Mercantile Italiana*.

During the ceremony, the *Accademia Italiana Marina Mercantile* will give plaques and checks to the best Deck and Engine Depts. students.

CEREMONY OF DIPLOMAS AND OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

Before the end of November during the ceremony of diplomas at *Istituto Nautico San Giorgio*, in Darsena, our Association will give some more scholarships to last year's best students. The people concerned will be informed of the exact date.



A past event

Reminders

If your association has expired (it goes from 1 January to 31 December) and you wish to renew it, you can do it by paying the yearly fee of €20 in cash at our premises or by postal order (c/c n° 13793161 made payable to: "Associazione ex allievi e docenti Nautico S.Giorgio").

As a member you are entitled to request:

- the Association crest
- the Association tie
- the volumes:
 - *"La storia dell'Istituto Nautico San Giorgio di Genova"* by Virgilio Bozzo and Armando Fioravanti
 - *"Nino Bixio e le questioni del mare"* by Virgilio Bozzo and Armando Fioravanti



Your contributions will be entirely devoted to our scholarship funds.

If you have an Internet hook-up, will you please let us have your mail account by writing to:
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You can visit our Italian site at:

www.exsangiorgio.it .